

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA HELENA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CR 11-1-H-DWM

Plaintiff,

VS.

ROBERT SHANE WILKINS.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING PLEA

Defendant.

The Defendant, by consent, has appeared before the undersigned pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11 and has entered a plea of guilty to the charges of conspiracy to sexually exploit children in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a),(e) (Count I), sexual exploitation of children in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a) (Count II), conspiracy to distribute child pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2) (Count III), distribution of child pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2) as set forth in the Indictment. Defendant has agreed to the forfeiture allegations advanced under 18 U.S.C. § 2253(a). After examining the Defendant under oath, I have made the following determinations:

1. That the Defendant is fully competent and capable of entering an

informed and voluntary plea,

2. That the Defendant is aware of the nature of the charges against him and

consequences of pleading guilty to the charges,

3. That the Defendant fully understands his constitutional rights, and the

extent to which he is waiving those rights by pleading guilty, and

4. That the plea of guilty is a knowing and voluntary plea, supported by an

independent basis in fact sufficient to prove each of the essential elements of the

offenses charged.

Therefore, I recommend that the Defendant be adjudged guilty of Counts I

through IV of the Indictment and that sentence be imposed. A presentence report

has been ordered.

This report is forwarded with the recommendation that the Court defer

a decision regarding acceptance until the Court has reviewed the presentence

<u>report</u>.

DATED this 14th day of April, 2011.

Jeremiah C. Lynch

United States Magistrate Judge